

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1883–S2042

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2189–2199, and S. Res. 408. **Page S1923**

Measures Reported:

S. 864, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–142)

S. 970, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Act, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 113–143)

H.R. 724, to amend the Clean Air Act to remove the requirement for dealer certification of new light-duty motor vehicles. (S. Rept. No. 113–144)

H.R. 1206, to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps. (S. Rept. No. 113–145)

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Measures Passed:

Honoring Jan Karski: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 371, honoring the legacy and accomplishments of Jan Karski on the centennial of his birth, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S2041**

Reid (for Menendez) Amendment No. 2956, to recognize the life and legacy of Dr. Jan Karski on the centennial of his birth. **Page S2041**

Reid (for Menendez) Amendment No. 2957, to amend the title. **Page S2041**

Parkinson's Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 408, supporting the designation of April as "Parkinson's Awareness Month". **Page S2041**

Measures Considered:

Minimum Wage Fairness Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1737, to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend increased expensing limitations and the treatment of certain real property as section 179 property. **Pages S1883–85**

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3979, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1897–S1912**

Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2874, of a perfecting nature. **Page S1897**

Reid Amendment No. 2875 (to Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Page S1897**

Reid Amendment No. 2876 (to Amendment No. 2875), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1897**

Reid Amendment No. 2877 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2874), to change the enactment date. **Page S1897**

Reid Amendment No. 2878 (to Amendment No. 2877), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1897**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2879, to change the enactment date. **Page S1897**

Reid Amendment No. 2880 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2879), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1897**

Reid Amendment No. 2881 (to Amendment No. 2880), of a perfecting nature. **Page S1897**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, with the time until 10 a.m. equally divided and

controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. **Page S2041**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the President's report to Congress relative to the Secretary of the Interior's certification under section 8 of the Fisherman's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (the "Pelly Amendment") (22 U.S.C. 1978) that nationals of Iceland have conducted whaling activities that diminish the effectiveness of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM-37) **Pages S1918-19**

Malinowski, Wu and Birx Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Portia Y. Wu, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Deborah L. Birx, of Maryland, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally; that there be 2 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on each nomination; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that all roll call votes after the first be 10 minutes in length; that no further motions be in order; and the Senate then resume legislative session. **Pages S1895, S2041**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 94), Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia. **Pages S1896, S2041-42**

By 99 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 95), John P. Carlin, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Pages S1897, S2042**

Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. **Pages S1897, S2042**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—95) **Pages S1896-97**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2041.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded opened and closed hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Anne M. Harrington, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Rebecca K. C. Hersman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Kenneth A. Myers III, Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and Director of the United States Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction, both of the Department of Defense; Michael L. Lansdown, Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Chemical Warfare, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Simon G. Limage, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation Programs, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation.

OPPORTUNITY, MOBILITY, AND INEQUALITY IN TODAY'S ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunity, mobility, and inequality in today's economy, after receiving testimony from Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, New York,